



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

**Name of Proposal:** WASHINGTON STATE DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN-  
WHITE TAILED DEER

**Description of Proposal:** The purpose of this plan is to explain current and near-term future direction for managing white tailed deer. This is a five-year plan subject to amendment. Before the end of the fifth year, the plan is scheduled to be updated, re-evaluated, amended, and implemented for another five-year period. This plan will serve as a valuable reference document and management guideline for the Washington Department of fish and Wildlife, Tribes, agency cooperators, landowners and the general public. Priority management activities will be carried out as funding and resources become available.

The major goals of this white-tailed deer management plan are to:

1. Maintain and sustain white-tailed deer populations using sound, objective science to inform decision-making.
2. Provide stable, regulated recreational deer hunting opportunity to all citizens.
3. Manage white-tailed deer populations within the limits of suitable habitat.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Program  
Dave Ware, Game Division Manager

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Statewide, Washington,

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

**Adoption of Existing Environmental Document:** After independent review the lead agency has identified and adopted the following two (2) documents as being appropriate for this proposal. The document(s) meet our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist, the adopted document and other information on file with us.

#### **Title of document being adopted:**

Final Environmental Impact Statement / Game Management Plan  
July 2003-June 2009

[http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/management/final\\_gmp\\_eis\\_27nov02.pdf](http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/management/final_gmp_eis_27nov02.pdf)

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement 2009-2015 Game Management Plan  
[Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, 2009-2015 Game Management Plan](#)

**Agency that prepared document being adopted:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Date adopted document was prepared:** Final Environmental Impact Statement / Game Management Plan July 2003-June 2009- Prepared: January 1, 2003

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, 2009-2015 Game Management Plan- Prepared: September 5, 2008

**Description of documents being adopted:**

Game Management Plan EIS and Supplemental EIS.

**The document is available to be read at:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – Wildlife Department- Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

These documents are also available for review on-line at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>  
Or <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/management/2009-2015/index.htm>

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**Name of agency adopting the document:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Contact person if other than responsible official:** Dave Ware **Phone:** 360/ 902-2509

We issued this DNS/Adoption according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 21 days** from the date we issued the DNS/Adoption. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **April 22, 2010**

**Method of Comment**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov);
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>;
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Oral or written comments at the April 7, 2010 workshop; or
- Mail to the address below.

When you send us your comments, please include the name of the proposal and your name in the subject line of your comment, following this example:

“WASHINGTON STATE DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN - J. Doe”

**Responsible Official:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS/Adoption or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** April 1, 2010    **SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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